

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application and the Office Action of January 5, 2009 are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

With this Amendment Response claims 1-24, 26-35 and 37 appear in this application. Claims 25 and 36 have been cancelled. There are now one independent claim and thirty-five total claims. Since Applicant previously paid for three independent claims and thirty-seven total claims no additional fee is required by this response.

Apparatus claims 23, 24, 26-35 and 37 have been converted to process claims without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue a divisional application to the apparatus.

The Office Action required restriction between:

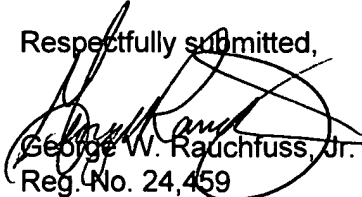
Group I, claims 1-22 drawn to a method, and

Group II, claims 23-37 drawn to apparatus.

In response to said election requirement Applicant elects the method claims Group I. Group I claims now encompass all the claims in the application, namely claims 1-24, 26-35 and 37.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue a divisional patent application to the apparatus subject matter of original apparatus claims 23-37.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition to be substantively examined and that all the claims are allowable. An early indication of their allowability by issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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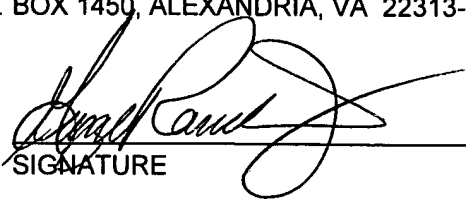


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